

Acts 10:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

Analysis

The angel commanded sending for 'Simon, whose surname is Peter' - the gospel requires human messengers, not angelic preachers. Peter's location in Joppa 'with one Simon a tanner' indicated growing openness to ceremonially unclean associations. God prepared both evangelist and hearer.

Historical Context

Tanning was considered unclean due to contact with dead animals. Peter's lodging with a tanner suggested he was already moving beyond strict ceremonial scruples.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Why does God use human messengers rather than angelic preachers for the gospel?
2. What does Peter's location suggest about his spiritual preparation for this mission?

Interlinear Text

καὶ νῦν πέμψον εἰς Ἰόππην ἄνδρας καὶ μετάπεμψαι
And now send to Joppa men And call for
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Σίμωνά ὃς ἐπικαλεῖται Πέτρος·
one Simon whose surname is Peter
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 16:9 (Parallel theme): And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.